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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:)	Group Art Unit: 2176
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Susan D. Woolf et al.)	Examiner: Nguyen, M.
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Serial Number: 09/455,805)	Attorney Docket No. 003797.78802
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Filed: 12/07/1999)	Confirmation No. 5591

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
ANNOTATING AN ELECTRONIC
DOCUMENT INDEPENDENTLY
OF ITS CONTENT

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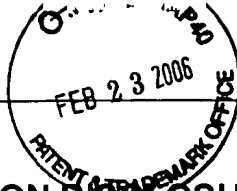
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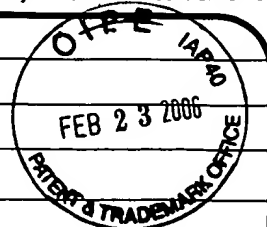
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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Small Entity	
	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims _____ - 20 or HP = _____ x _____ = **Fee Paid (\$)** _____
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